IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 00/02056

For: Method For Actuating A Wheel Brake Assembly, In Particular An Electromechanical Wheel Brake Assembly Or A Mechanical System Involving Friction And Having Spring Elasticity

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between the title and paragraph [0001] insert the following:

[0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0000.4] This application is a 35 USC 371 application of PCT/DE 00/02056 filed on June 23, 2000.

[0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

delete paragraph [0001] and insert the following new paragraph:

[0001] Field of the Invention

between paragraph [0002] and [0003] insert the following:

[0002.5] Description of the Prior Art

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